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FOR MAYOR

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## A Republican State Convention

—WILL BE HELD IN—

City Hall, Portland,

THURSDAY, APRIL 16th, 1896,

At Eleven O'clock A. M.

The purpose of this convention is to select delegates to the National Convention to be held at St. Louis, Mo., in 1896. The delegates will be elected to represent the Republican Party in the State of Maine. The convention will be held in the City Hall, Portland, on Thursday, April 16th, at eleven o'clock A. M.

## Presidential Election

The Presidential election of 1896 is a matter of great importance to the people of Maine. The candidates are William McKinley and Grover Cleveland. The election will be held on November 3rd, 1896. The people of Maine are called upon to exercise their right of suffrage wisely and to elect the best man for the office of President of the United States.

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## A Short-Lived Craze

Conspicuous upon the political situation as it now exists the Philadelphia Press says that nearly every one of the Western States presents to day a striking contrast to the condition of three or four years ago. It was in 1890 that the farmers' Alliance craze manifested in the West. The recovery of new settlers in pushing far over the semi-arid belt in Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado, combined with two years of remarkable drought in Minnesota and the Dakotas, caused a widespread failure of crops and brought much destitution and suffering upon the farmers. These two last years were largely responsible for the rise of the Alliance and the remarkable change in the political attitude of a number of Western States in 1890.

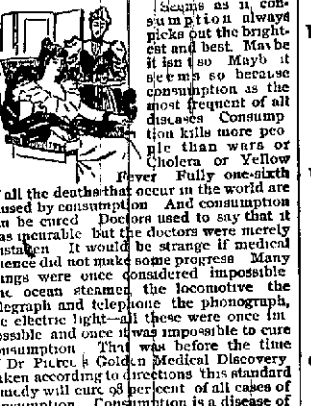
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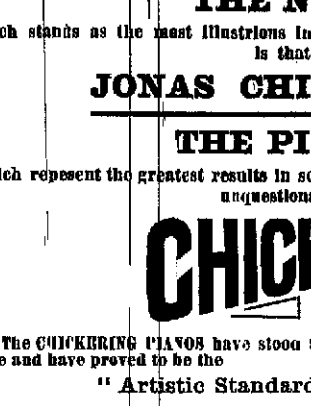
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